GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN AIR PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the country is expected to carry 70 million air passengers a year by 2010, as per the study conducted by the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation (CAPA);

(b) If so, whether the Government has prepared any blue print in this regard; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b) and (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.99 tabled for reply on 23.2.2006 regarding Increase in Air Passengers.

(a) As per the current traffic forecast of Airports Authority of India (AAI), the total passenger traffic handled by all Indian operational airports will increase from 59.3 million in 2004-05 to 76.2 million in 2006-07 and will increase to 109.2 million passengers by 2010-11 including domestic and international passengers.

(b) and (c) Improvement, upgradation and modernization of infrastructure facilities at airports is a continuous process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon the traffic demand and availability of land resources etc. Government has decided to restructure and modernize the Delhi and Mumbai airports through joint venture route with public private participation. Government has also decided to develop and modernize city side of 35 non-metro airports in the country in phases to world class standards. AAI had appointed Global Technical Advisor (GTA) and Indian Financial Consultant (IFC) to prepare detailed project report (DPR) for development works for first phase of 10 airports and second phase of 15 airports. The report for first phase of 10 airports has been submitted by the Consultants.Appointment of GTA and IFC is likely to be made for third phase of 10 airports. The 35 non-metro airports are proposed to be developed and modernized by the year 2010 taking into account the recommendations of the GTA and IFC.